GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES ON TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether violence and extremist operations in Assam and the North East has adversely affected tourism in the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of tourists arrived to these places during the last six months and the comparative figures for the preceding three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a),(b)and (c) : Incidents of violence and extremism may have immediate and localized adverse impact on tourism, but after the immediate impact is over, the tourist traffic picks up again, as is evident from the following figures of tourist arrivals to North East during 2003, 2004 and 2005.

State/UT	Tourist Visits		
	2003	2004	2005
Assam	2163285	2295378	2478434
Meghalaya	378257	445902	381000
Manipur	93180	93725	94615
Mizoram	35408	38924	44988
Tripura	260527	264078	219007
Nagaland	6348	11140	18353
Arunachal Pradesh	2318	5009	3294
Sikkim	191627	245365	268267
Total North East	3130950	3399521	3507958

The figures of tourist visits to North East for the last 6 months are not available.